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# Notice of Disqualification from the Iowa WIC Program

# **Overview**

### Introduction

A copy of the Notice of Disqualification from Iowa WIC Program is printed on the following pages. The notice can also be generated in Spanish.

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## **Notice of Disqualification**

Linda Johnson 123 Test Drive Des Moines, IA 50313

Dear Linda:

The following WIC program violations have been reported to us:

#### **Violation**

#### **Sanction** Disqualify

Linda Johnson is being disqualified from the WIC program for the above violation.

This disqualification period begins on

If you want to participate in the WIC Program after your disqualification period ends, you must make an appointment to reapply for the program.

You can ask for a hearing to appeal this decision by sending a written request to your local WIC agency by . If you are appealing a mid-certification decision and request a hearing by

Linda Johnson may continue to receive WIC benefits during the appeal process if required certification appointments are completed. Your appeal rights are explained below.

Please call if you have any questions about this notice.

WIC Coordinator's signature

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### Your Appeal Rights

1. Send a written request for a hearing to your local WIC agency within 90 days of receiving this notice.

- 2. The hearing officer will schedule a hearing within 21 days of receiving your request. You will receive notice of the time, place and date at least 10 days before the hearing.
- 3. Before and during the hearing, you have the right to read all of the public documents on file about the decision that is under appeal.
- 4. During the hearing you may speak for yourself or be assisted by a relative, friend, other person, or lawyer at your expense; bring witnesses; question or refute any testimony or evidence; question any adverse witnesses; and provide evidence to establish facts and circumstances related to your case.
- 5. The local hearing officer will issue a written decision within 45 days of your request for the hearing unless a longer time period is agreed upon by both parties.
- 6. Either party may appeal the written decision to the Division Director, Division of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention, Iowa Department of Public Health. This appeal must be made within 15 days of the mailing date of the decision made by the local hearing officer. The procedures listed above must be followed for a second appeal about the decision.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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